

having an open end to insertably receive one of the plurality of support members, said fastening means allowing each support member to be moveable between a first position a first distance from said coupling point to a second position a second distance from said coupling point, said support members providing support to said neonate when said neonate is placed on said conformable member to facilitate the re-positioning of the neonate.

(As Filed) The device of Claim 1, wherein the positioning of the neonate is 2. accomplished without direct physical contact between a caregiver and the neonate.

Please cancel Claims 3 and 4

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(Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein each of the extended strips of material is removably coupled to the conformable member.

(Previously Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the conformable member comprises a material having a density sufficient for cushioning the neonate.

Please cancel Claim 7.

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(Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of support members comprises:

a transverse support member coupled substantially transversely along a head end of the conformable member; and

at least one lateral support member coupled substantially laterally adjacent to a lateral edge of the conformable member.

(Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of support members comprises a pair of lateral support members coupled substantially adjacent to opposing lateral edges of the conformable member.

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to. (As Filed) The device of Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of support members comprises a sealable collapsible bag having a filler material.

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(As Filed) The device of Claim 10, wherein the filler material is taken from 8H the group consisting of polystyrene beads, down feathers, resilient foam, air, liquid, flaxseed and silicon gel.

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(Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of support members are configured to allow the position of the neonate to vary from a first posture when in said first position to a second posture when in said second position.

(As Filed) The device of Claim 13, wherein the first and the second postures comprise a supine, a prone, and a side-lying position.

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(Twice Amended) A positioning device for positioning an infant, the device comprising:

- a substantially conforming member;
- a fastening device; and

at least two support members coupled using said fastening device to a portion of said conforming member at coupling points to define a torso area thereon, said fastening device including a plurality of hollow sleeves with an extended strip of material for coupling each of the hollow sleeves to a portion of the substantially conforming member at said coupling points inwardly spaced from edges of the conforming member, each hollow sleeve having an open end to insertably receive one of the plurality of support members,

each of said support members configured to be moved from a first position where said support members are positioned a first distance from said coupling points to a second position where said support members are positioned a second distance from said coupling points, movement of at least one support member configured to cause the position of an infant to vary from a first posture to a second posture in response to the movement.

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(As Filed) The device of Claim 15, wherein the repositioning of the infant is accomplished while avoiding human touch between the infant and a caregiver.

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Claim 20 has been previously canceled.

Please cancel Claim 21.

Please add new Claims 22-27.

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(New) The device of Claim 15, wherein each of the extended strips of material is removably coupled to the conforming member.

(New) The device of Claim 15, wherein the conforming member comprises a material having a density sufficient for cushioning the infant.

(New) The device of Claim 18, wherein said at least two support members comprise:

a transverse support member coupled substantially transversely along a head end of the conforming member; and

a lateral support member coupled substantially laterally adjacent to a lateral edge of the conforming member.

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(New) The device of Claim 15, wherein said at least two support members comprise a pair of lateral support members coupled substantially adjacent to opposing lateral edges of the conforming member.

(New) The device of Claim 15, wherein each of said at least two support members comprise a sealable collapsible bag having a filler material.

(New) The device of Claim 26, wherein the filler material is taken from the group consisting of polystyrene beads, down feathers, resilient foam, air, liquid, flaxseed and silicon gel.--

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-11, 13-16, and 22-28 are pending. Claims 3, 4, 7, 12, 17-19, and 21 have been canceled. Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 13 and 15 have been amended. Claims 22-27 have

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